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## Building dedication to honor Chief Minetti

Nov. 1, 2013 – The City of Hampton will dedicate the Public Safety Building in honor of retired Police Chief Pat G. Minetti on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 10 a.m.

The dedication and sign unveiling follows a resolution unanimously passed by City Council on Aug. 14 to rename the Hampton Police Division Headquarters to the Pat G. Minetti Public Safety Building. Minetti joined the Hampton Police Division as a patrol officer in 1955. He spent 45 years with the division, 29 of which he served as chief.

The council resolution noted that Minetti “energized the cooperation and involvement of the community in developing and implementing dozens of successful and frequently emulated, crime fighting and crime prevention programs. Under Chief Minetti’s leadership, the Hampton Police Division became one of the finest and most highly respected police departments in the country.”

Immediately following the building dedication ceremony, an additional ceremony will take place to honor retired Chief Thomas Townsend. The division training room, which is located inside of police headquarters, will be renamed the Thomas H. Townsend Training Room.

This event at 40 Lincoln Street is open to the media and to the public. Members of the media wishing to attend must display their media credentials and are requested to R.S.V.P by contacting either Cpl. Mary Shackelford at 757-727-6608 or Sgt. Justin Price at 757-727-6638.

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